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6 The Examiner's thoughtful attention to this application is sincerely
7 appreciated.8
9 The Invention10
11 Applicant provides a replacement handle for a wire bucket handle. The
12 replacement handle includes

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- 15 1. First and second
- identical**
- pieces 10, 11.
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- 17 2. Tabs 23A and 25A formed on each piece.
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- 19 3. Notches 16, 18 that are formed in each piece 10, 11 and
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- 22 a. Extend
- completely through**
- each piece. Having each notch extend
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- 23 completely through the handle is important to simplify and make
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- 24 practical manufacture of the invention.
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- 26 b. Are shaped and dimensioned such that tabs 23A, 25A
- snap**
- into the
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- 27 notches.
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2 c. Are shaped and dimensioned to be mounted on the central section of
3 the wire member of a bucket by
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6 (i) rotating the first piece **one-hundred and eighty degrees** from
7 an initial orientation that is identical to that of said second
8 piece, and
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10 (ii) snapping said first piece into said second piece in **fixed**
11 position by moving the first piece in a **direction of travel**
12 **normal to the central section** of the wire member such that
13 said first and second pieces are mounted on and circumscribe
14 the central section.
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17 The foregoing features are set forth in the new Claims 3 and 4.
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20 The Prior Art
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22 The prior art of record does not appear to disclose the features of the
23 invention noted above.
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25 In contrast to the replacement handle of the invention, the bucket handles
26 disclosed in the prior art references do not appear to include:
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1. Openings that receive tabs and that extend **completely through** the handle;
2. Openings and tabs shaped such that the tabs **snap** into the openings;
3. Openings and tabs shaped to **snap** together when the replacement handle pieces are moved in a **direction of travel normal** to the central portion of the wire member on a bucket. The prior art two-piece handles appear to **slide** together when they are moved in a direction of travel **parallel** to the central portion of the wire member, (U.S. 2,319,147) or, appear to fit loosely together and require the use of a spring clip to hold the handles together (U.S. 775,662).

The replacement handle of the invention appears to simplify the process of securely mounting a replacement handle on the wire member of a bucket.


Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention as set forth in the amended Claims is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 by the references of record.

The Claims

Original Claims 1 and 2 are canceled. New Claims 3 and 4 incorporate the features of the invention discussed above.

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5 If the Examiner finds merit in the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is
6 believed the application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.
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9 Respectfully submitted,

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